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Period for Reply

> A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE <u>3</u> MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.
> - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
> - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
> - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
> - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
> - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>06 October 2003</u>.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-19</u> is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-19</u> is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

13)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

    a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

14)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) ☐ Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1.   The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly
> claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2.   Claims 5, 7-8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as

being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter

which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 5 recites the limitation "said place type template". There is insufficient

antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 7 recites the limitation "said place type template" (both occurrences).

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 8 depends on

claim 7; therefore, claim 8 is also rejected on the same ground.

Claim 11 recites the limitation "said place type template" (line 13). There is

insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by
> another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent
> granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the
> applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section
> 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States
> only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2)
> of such treaty in the English language.

4.   Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Salas et al ("Salas", USP 6314408).

Regarding claims 1, 18, and 20, Salas teaches a method for creating a place in collaboration space, comprising the steps of creating a first place and saving said first place (col 7, lines 5-9) including a configuration of membership, at least one room form and included page form, and at least one skin group for a team project (col 4, lines 17-29), responsive to a user command (inherent), saving said first place as a place type template from which other places may be created with said configuration in said collaboration space (col 6, lines 36-64). Salas also teaches that the skin group defining a page read display mode, a page edit display mode (col 4, lines 56-64), a folder list (col 5, lines 11-16) and response display mode (col 16, lines 56-61), and headline display mode (col 8, lines 59-60).

Regarding claim 12, Salas teaches a method for creating a place in collaboration space, comprising the steps of creating a first place and saving said first place (col 7, lines 5-9) including a configuration of membership, at least one room form and included page form, and at least one skin group for a team project (col 4, lines 17-29), responsive to a user command (inherent), saving said first place as a place type template from which other places may be created with said configuration in said collaboration space (col 6, lines 36-64). Salas also teaches that the skin group defining a page read display mode, a page edit display mode (col 4, lines 56-64), a folder list (col 5, lines 11-16) and response display mode (col 16, lines 56-61), and headline display mode (col 8, lines 59-60).

Regarding claims 2 and 19, Salas teaches responsive to a user selecting a create a collaboration space place action from a browser user interface, displaying a list of custom place types (col 4, lines 62-63); receiving from said user a name of a custom place type from said list, together with a name for a new place, user name and password (col 13, lines 37-40); and responsive to verification of said user as authorized by user name and password, creating a new place from said custom place type (col 4, lines 56-66).

Regarding claims 3 and 13, Salas teaches the steps of organizing said collaboration space according to an object model selectively including room (eRoom), folder (col 6, line 49), page (col 4, lines 63-64), member (col 3, line 2).

Regarding claims 4 and 16, Salas teaches that said place type being implemented as a directory within said room type (col 2, lines 51-52).

Regarding claims 5 and 15, Salas teaches the customize said collaboration space by integrating external technology (col 4, lines 17-24).

Regarding claim 6, Salas teaches the granting authority to an authorized user to access said place type and create a new place from said place type (col 4, lines 62-63); and responsive to a request from said authorized user, modifying said new place (col 11, lines 31-33).

Regarding claim 7, Salas teaches the creation other places having the format, look and feel of said first place (col 4, lines 17-25).

Regarding claims 8 and 17, Salas teaches the including membership (col 4, lines 60-61).

Regarding claim 9, Salas teaches that in response a user request, displaying at said browser changes made to said place type (col 16, lines 29-33).

Regarding claim 10, Salas teaches the updating and modifying place (col 13, lines 3-7).

Regarding claim 11, Salas teaches a method for creating a place in collaboration space, comprising the steps of creating a first place, saving said first place as a place type template (col 7, lines 5-9) from which other places may be created (col 4, lines 17-29) said collaboration space (col 6, lines 36-64); and responsive to place manager selection: selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said other place by not presenting decorate options in said place type (col 11, lines 52-55); selectively displaying a description of said place type (col 6, lines 40-48); creating said new place from said place type template (col 10, lines 1-6); displaying source information for said place type template, including name and address of collaboration space place on which said place type is based (col 10, lines 8-21); selectively hide or redisplay names and descriptions of place types in said list of available place types (col 8, lines 23-25, lines 59-60); selectively update new places created using said place for manipulating functionality provided by said place type template type when said place type changes (col 10, lines 31-350); and selectively copying said place type from a server on which said place type was created to another server (col 2, lines 36-37).

Regarding claim 14, Salas teaches a browser (col 11, lines 25-30).

5.   Applicant's arguments filed 10/03/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's argument that "With respect to claim 11....Salas does not teach this.", it is noted that the language of claims 1, 11, and 18 states "creating a first place...saving said first place as a place type from which other places may be created...", and the language of claim 12 states "a first place...a place type template created ...from said first place...". This is what Salas teaches. Text of column 7, lines 5-9 reads " DYNAMIC sections allow the template creator to add properties to a page that are not standard template properties. For example,....have been added to this template by the template creator". From this cited portion, it is clear that Salas teaches that a template creator creates a template from a page (col 7, lines 5-9), and then this template is saved as a place type from which other places may be created (col 4, lines 17-24).

6.   **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Kieu D. Vu whose telephone number is (703-605-1232).
The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, John Cabeca, can be reached on (703- 308-3116).

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding
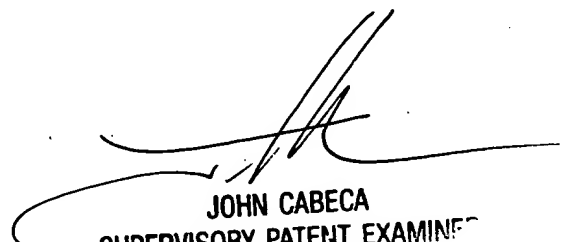is assigned are as follows:

(703)-872-9306

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(703)-746-5639   (use this FAX #, only after approval by Examiner, for
"INFORMAL" or "DRAFT" communication. Examiners may request that a formal
paper / amendment be faxed directly to them on occasions)

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or
proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703-305-
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